

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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May 20, 2003

FROM: ROBERT L. McKERNAN, Director
County Museums

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH EPG, INC. FOR PALEONTOLOGIC SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: Approve agreement with EPG, Inc. of Phoenix, Arizona, whereby the San Bernardino County Museum will provide paleontologic services to EPG, Inc. between May 20, 2003-June 30, 2004 in the amount of \$3,865.24 relating to Jean Pit Mine in Clark County, Nevada.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: EPG, Inc. has requested that the Museum serve as the principal consultant in connection with a paleontologic assessment program for a mine in Clark County, Nevada. The scope of work includes a paleontologic resource assessment of the mine site. The assessment will include a literature review and a search of localities in the Regional Paleontologic Locality Inventory. A field survey will also be performed to determine specific areas of paleontologic sensitivity. EPG, Inc., which has contracted with the County, requires paleontologic services to comply with applicable laws and regulations, and the Museum has the necessary expertise and experience to provide services through its Geological Sciences Division.

Under the terms of the agreement, Museum staff will provide services as indicated and a letter report with recommendations for mitigation. Project costs are based on established rates plus all related expenses.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This agreement has been approved as to legal form by County Counsel (Scott M. Runyan, Deputy County Counsel) on May 8, 2003 and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst) on May 12, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The Museum included sufficient appropriations in its FY 2002-03 budget and its FY 2003-04 budget proposal to fund the anticipated costs from this agreement. The Department will be compensated for its services at the rates set forth in County Code Section 16.0218. The revenue to be generated from this item (\$3,865.24) is sufficient to offset the Museum's anticipated costs.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Robert L. McKernan, 798-5719

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